

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1185
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commemorate the naming of the Family and Consumer Sciences Building at Freed-Hardeman University as the Thomas-Landon House.

WHEREAS, serving as a link between the illustrious history of Freed-Hardeman University and the great promise for the future of the school, the Family and Consumer Sciences Building at Freed-Hardeman University stands as the oldest building on the campus, having been built in 1895; and

WHEREAS, to honor the meritorious service of Dr. David and Mrs. Reba Thomas and Dr. Bob and Mrs. Ouida Landon to the University as well as to honor the memory of the late Mrs. Thomas and the late Mrs. Landon, the Family and Consumer Sciences Building will soon be renamed the Thomas-Landon House; and

WHEREAS, originally named the Pratt House and serving at one time as the home of Miss Pearl Pratt, a librarian at Freed-Hardeman, the Family and Consumer Sciences Building was purchased by Lawrence Moffitt in 1934 and became the first funeral home in Henderson, doing business as Moffitt Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, in 1941 the family of Robert Casey joined in business with Mr. Moffitt and the funeral home was renamed the Moffitt-Casey Funeral Home; Mr. Casey then purchased the business from the Moffitts and moved the funeral home; and

WHEREAS, the house continued to serve as the home of Lawrence Moffitt and his family until 1950; soon after, Freed-Hardeman acquired the home and utilized this exquisite resource as a girls' dormitory until the spring of 1959; and

WHEREAS, after extensive remodeling, the house became the new home of Freed-Hardeman's Home Economics Department in 1959; the house remained unchanged until 1976

when updates were made to the foods laboratory and formal dining room; during the following years various redecoration and restoration projects ensued; and

WHEREAS, funding for such projects was provided by the Freed-Hardeman Associates and donations from numerous individuals; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2000, the Family and Consumer Sciences Building underwent extreme renovations; Dr. David Thomas, in loving memory of his wife and her remarkable service to the University and community, established the Reba Thomas Endowment for the Family and Consumer Sciences after her passing in 2003. This endowment was created to ensure that the historic building will continue to be preserved; and

WHEREAS, the Thomases and the Landons played an integral role in the campus life of Freed-Hardeman, providing invaluable service to its staff and students as professors, mentors, administrators, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas and Dr. and Mrs. Landon have left an indelible imprint on the proud legacy of Freed-Hardeman and are clearly deserving of the honor of having the Family and Consumer Sciences Building named in their honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commemorate the naming of the Family and Consumer Sciences Building at Freed-Hardeman University as the Thomas-Landon House, and wish each member of the Freed-Hardeman community all the best on this special occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.